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## FINANCIAL TIMES

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### UK HOMEPAGE

## Crunch time for Apple bulls and bears

Device being launched on Monday has already divided opinion over the company's prospects

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## Armed forces forecast to lose 43,000 personnel

Think-tank forecasts £35bn budget reduction over 10 years

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## Bank traders face Euribor questioning

Former Barclays and Deutsche Bank employees to be interviewed under caution by investigators

### VIDEO

## Thomas Cook shares fly on Fosun stake

Thomas Cook shares leapt after China's Fosun International took a 5 per cent stake in the UK tour operator. Lex's Robert Armstrong and Oliver Ralph discuss whether the deal justifies a 20 per cent stock climb.



### US HOMEPAGE

## China Inc flocks to euro debt for funding

Companies shun renminbi as euro funding costs tumble with impending ECB quantitative easing

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## Blackstone eyes \$1.5bn Willis Tower deal

Interest in former Sears Tower represents a bet on city centres as companies return from suburbs

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## Swiss banks drawn into Petrobras scandal

Witness claims bribes laundered through accounts in Switzerland

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### EUROPE HOMEPAGE

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## Two men charged over Nemtsov murder

Chechen leader comes to defence of suspect

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## Antitrust chief sends tough message to EU telecoms

Vestager fears impact on consumers of M&A boom

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## Likud says Palestinian state not relevant

Netanyahu's party disavows a two-state policy Israel's prime minister once supported

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### ASIA HOMEPAGE

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## Japan's Q4 GDP growth revised down to 0.4%

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## Juncker calls for creation of EU army

European Commission president says collective force will help counter threats to 'European values'

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## HK grave shortage leaves dead in limbo

Territory debates doubling of burial costs as plot scarcity makes permanent resting place all but impossible

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### WORLD NEWS

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## Valls sounds alarm over National Front

French prime minister attempts to galvanise voters ahead of local elections

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## Boko Haram declares allegiance to Isis

Symbolic pledge highlights increased co-ordination between jihadi movements

## Rehn slams successors over France budget

Paris repeatedly flouted EU deficit limits

## Obama says racial progress still needed

President hails Bloody Sunday marchers 50 years on

## Arab parties join forces for Israeli poll

If Zionist Union and Likud form coalition, Arab list could emerge as official opposition

### COMPANIES NEWS

## Stress test verdict looms for US banks

Fed to announce fate of plans for returning capital to investors

## ICE chief warns over UK derivatives trade

Shift to other markets likely to accelerate unless forthcoming EU rules are toned down

## Greystar buys Round Hill's Nido portfolio

£600m deal for 2,375-bed portfolio of student flats in London

## UK to miss target for women board members

New evidence reveals boards with greater gender diversity are better at avoiding scandal

### MARKETS

## Bonds: How firm a foundation?

Regulators question if corporate debt could withstand a sudden reversal

## LSE has gone from prey to predator

A decade ago most observers expected group to be swallowed in the first wave of consolidation

### COMMENT

## Hillary Clinton's gathering storm

Once again she is the 'inevitable nominee', with the inflated expectations that brings

## Danger of Mitteleuropa's financial sector

At zero interest rates, it is very difficult for the German insurance industry to remain solvent

## Trade deal must work for US middle class

The view is that trade and globalisation have increased inequality in the US

## 'Thieves of State', by Sarah Chayes

This book argues that corruption begets insecurity

### MANAGEMENT

## Rakesh Kapoor: no hugs for meeting target

Reckitt Benckiser CEO drives its cost cutting and innovation hard

## The pitfalls of constant feedback

Knowledge of how others rate us can be useful, but too much of it is unhealthy and confusing

## Part-time high flyers pick quality of life

A four-day week has raised the game of two successful executives

## Feedback: Robin Chase on driverless cars

The social impact of disruptive transport technology



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